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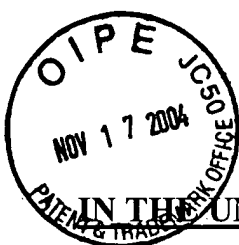
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

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